

Description of a new species of Plover, from North Australia—by  
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*ÆGIALITIS MASTERSI*, *sp. nov.*

*Adult Male.*—All the upper surface of the wings, back, and rump, brown; the margins of the feathers, paler; the primaries and primary coverts, blackish brown, almost black on the outer webs and tips of the primary quills, the whole of the shaft of the first primary, except at the tip, and of the remainder the central portion of the apical third of the shafts, white; secondaries dark brown, narrowly margined with white at the tips and along the outer web for a short distance, and a narrow line of white along the shaft on the outer web; the inner five of the primaries having an irregular elongated patch of white on the outer web, about the central portion of the feathers; the outer series of all the wing-coverts margined with white at the tips; the side feathers on the rump white, or broadly tipped with white; the upper tail-coverts brown, more or less tipped and widely margined with white to a greater extent on the outer series; axillaries and under surface of the wing white; the marginal feathers of the shoulders below, in some, brown, margined with white; the outer series of the under wing-coverts, ashy grey, margined and tipped with white; some of the side feathers adjacent to the flanks brown, margined with white, or, in some white mesially shaded with brown; centre of the lower portion of the breast, abdomen, flanks, thighs, and under tail-coverts white; throat and sides of the neck, from below the ear-coverts to the chest, snow-white, bounded by a narrow line of black feathers; lores, forehead, sides of the face, and ear-coverts black, a roundish white spot on either side on the forehead, just over the lores; a small linear mark of white, under the lower eyelid; eyelids black; the remainder of the head chestnut, mixed with brown on the crown; sides of the occiput, nape, and the whole of the hind neck and upper part of the interscapular region extending across the chest and breast, deep chestnut; sides of the chest extending nearly to the flanks, lighter chestnut;

feathers on the central portion of the breast below, narrowly margined with dull white; tail brown, the two outer feathers, broadly margined with white, or altogether white, mesially shaded with brown towards the tip; total length from tip of bill, 7·6 inches; bill from forehead, 0·7; from gape 0·8; from the anterior or margin of nostril 0·43; wing 5·15; tail 2·2; tarsus 1·15.

*Hab.*—North-East of Australia, from Rockingham Bay to Cape York.

*Remarks.*—This fine species, which I have named after Mr. George Masters, to whose exertions the fine collection of Australian birds and mammals in our Museum is mainly due, is most nearly allied to *Hiaticula inornata* of Gould.

Description of a New Pupina collected during the Chevert Expedition, by JOHN BRAZIER, C.M.Z.S.

#### PUPINA NITIDA.

Shell ovate, thin, polished, shining, transparent, smooth, pale reddish horny, spire ovately conical, apex somewhat acute, whorls  $5\frac{1}{2}$ , moderately convex, penultimate whorl largely inflated, last as seen in front equal with the one above, suture slightly impressed, having a reddish line running spirally to the apex; aperture vertical, circular, continuous on the body whorl, peristome and auricles white or pale brown, thickened, upper channel rather narrow, cut well down in the aperture, and on the outer side vertical to the suture, and covered by a triangular plate, lower channel obliquely cutting the columellar deep down on the inside of the aperture, and covered by small thickened plate.

Length  $4\frac{1}{4}$ , breadth  $2\frac{1}{2}$  lines at penultimate whorl, and  $1\frac{3}{4}$  line at third whorl from aperture. Aperture  $1\frac{1}{4}$  line broad.

*Hab.* Barrow Island, North-East Australia.